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SBARA Presidents Message May 2015

May is upon us and we just wound up a busy weekend April 25th and 26th.

On Saturday, April 25th, SBARA sponsored our first Radio in the Par k at Lake Elizabeth. Our initial plan was to setup in the same area that we do for Field Day. But then we started thinking...why?

Why don't we just setup closer to the parking lot. Then we won't have to carry all this stuff so far. Laziness is the mother of invention? I think not. We were just being more efficient with our time and energy.

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Don Amyx (N6DA) was setup with his van and a fiberglass flagpole mast attached to the trailer hitch and wire antenna. He was doing great on 10 meters. I believe he made contacts in Florida, Switzerland, and others.



I had a similar setup as Don, with the fiberglass flagpole mast, but had the mount under the left rear tire of my SUV. I had an Ed Fong dualband rollup antenna and running my Yaesu FT-7100 off of a battery.

Umesh (K6VUG) had a very simple satellite setup. He was able to do packet and voice.



There were others playing with various antennas and radios including: Don Safer (KC6IPO), Tim Fairbairn (AF6TF), Stephen Rishton (AG6TT), and others.



A good time was had by all and we managed to eat all of the sandwiches and most of the munchies.



On Sunday, April 26th, many of us were volunteering to support the Fremont Freewheeler's Primavera Century (100 miles) bike ride. There were various routes from 25 miles to 100 miles. The riders feedback was very positive...including appreciating the frequency of SAG (Support and Gear) vehicles they saw on the road. I learned the hard way what happens when I sit too long with the mobile rig on. I killed my battery. Fortunately, I was at the summit of Palomares Rd and already pointing downhill. I turned on the ignition, rolled a few feet, put it in 2nd gear, and slowly let out the clutch and pop started the Miata. Worked like a charm. Hmmm...I don't think I've had to do that since my first car...a '65 VW Bug with a 6 volt battery. I didn't have any problems the rest of the afternoon. Yay!



I'm all fired up and excited about Field Day coming up next month the weekend of June 27th and 28th with setup on Friday, June 26th. Mark your calendars now if you can help with the setup or takedown, operate any of the stations (ATTENTION Technician class licensees...this is your opportunity to experience HF), join us for lunch on Saturday, or all of the above. Details will be forthcoming!

73!

Steve KG6HJU

SBARA President

What Does Field Day Mean to Me....

I see Field Day as an operational exercise with 3 basic classifications. The first is mission critical. As an operational exercise, any person or resource actually operating is mission critical, meaning without it we fail. Mission critical gets top priority. The second is mission support. This category represents all the logistical support provided to the mission critical resources, like keeping generators running, assisting in station setup and ongoing operations, feeding mission critical operators. Without these, our success is jeopardized, but it can continue in a perhaps reduced capacity. The last is peripheral. This last category pretty much encompasses anything not covered in the prior examples. This category represents everything that we can "do without", meaning that if we don't have it our capability is not diminished.

Most of all it is a FUN Weekend!!!

Fremont Repeaters & Net Information

*Are you looking for your favorite Repeater?
Here is information you can use!*

WA6PWW— 147.015 + 600Khz, PL 103.5	600Khz, PL 123.0 K6AIR—441.525 +5Mhz, PL 123.0
WA6PWW—223.900— 500Khz, PL 107.2	ARES Net Meeting— Tuesday Evenings @ 7:30pm on 147.015+600Khz, PL 103.5
WA6PWW—442.600 +5Mhz, PL107.2	
K6AIR—146.940—	

Time to dust off those Keys....

The Slow CW net is taking place
Every Thursday and Sunday night at 7:30 pm on
144.230MHz.

The net has now its own e-mail address. Please
contact us here:
"SF Bay CW Enthusiasts" <sf-bay-cw-
enthusiasts at googlegroups.com>

SBARA Meeting Location Second Friday of the Month

**Our meeting location is at:
Hurricane Electric.
The address in Fremont is:
760 Mission Court — Come to the meeting.
Bring your HF transceiver, antenna or HT !
Talk-In 147.015Mhz. +600
Mingle with your fellow SBARA members!**



SBARA - Groundplane

The Groundplane is published monthly by the South Bay Amateur Radio Association. Articles and letters are always welcome. The normal deadline for material is the 20th day of each month for the next month's news-letter. Articles can be sent by email to hamradio at Comcast dot net or via U.S. Mail. Contact the Editor for details and submission guidelines.



Upcoming SBARA Events

SBARA Action Packed Meeting is May 8th! Fantastic Raffle Prizes—So Come to the Meeting for the Fellowship!

Amateur Exams

ARRL VEC— May 9th @ 9:00 am at Hurricane Electric – 48233 Warm Springs Blvd. Fremont. **Contact: Greg** at wy6pradio@gmail.com \$15 fee. Walk-ins allowed.

Additional information is described at the SBARA's Website, www.sbara.org

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